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TO: **EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS**

SUBJECT: **EXPANDED ACCESS TO PRIMARY CARE (EAPC) PROGRAM
NOTICE OF AWARD FOR FISCAL YEAR (FY) 2009-2010**

The purpose of this letter is to notify you that your application for funding under the EAPC program for FY 2009-2010 has been approved. This is the final year of the 2007 – 2010 three year cycle. Enclosure "A" provides a listing of all approved clinic corporations and their awards. Please be advised that you may begin submitting EAPC claims to Electronic Data Systems (EDS) for services provided beginning July 1, 2009. Information regarding billing procedures may be found on the Medi-Cal website accessing Inpatient/Outpatient provider manual at:
http://files.medi-cal.ca.gov/pubsdoco/Manuals_menu.asp.

Health and Safety (H&S) Code, Sections 124900 through 124930, provide the statutory framework for the EAPC program. Specifically, the EAPC program provides reimbursement to primary care clinics for the delivery of outpatient medical services, including preventative health care and smoking prevention and cessation health education, to the program beneficiaries.

All clinics must continue to operate under provisions and requirements set forth in the EAPC Request for Application FY 2007 – 2010. i.e. clinic and patient population criteria, billing processes, types of service, redistribution criteria.

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Funding Source

The EAPC program appropriation for FY 2009-2010 is as follows:

FUNDING SOURCE	AMOUNT
Title V	\$204,000
Cigarette and Tobacco Products Surtax Fund – Prop 99	\$ 10,000,000
TOTAL FUNDING:	\$10,204,000

Funding Methodology

The methodology used for EAPC allocations in FY 2009-2010 was developed in response to a 65% reduction in funding. The methodology was finalized upon receipt of feedback from EAPC funded clinics per H&S Code 124900 (B) (4).

The steps described below were followed in applying the funding methodology for FY 2009-2010:

1. No new clinics will be funded per H&S Code 124900 (d)(4)(B) which states "If the funds allocated to the program are less than the prior year, the department shall allocate available funds to existing program providers only."
2. Frontier clinics and Native American reservation-based clinics will be funded at a minimum of \$35,000 per H&S Code 124900 (4)(b)(5), which states "The department shall establish a base funding level, subject to available funds, of no less than thirty-five thousand dollars (\$35,000) for frontier clinics and Native American reservation-based clinics."
3. The remaining clinic corporations will receive a 65 percent reduction of their FY 2008-2009 award, provided the award was substantiated by the clinics' reported uncompensated care visits. This adjustment reflects the 65 percent reduction in total EAPC funds from FY 2008-2009 to FY 2009-2010.

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4. \$500,000 has been set aside for EAPC claims processing costs.
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Uncompensated Care

For purposes of the EAPC program and funding methodology, "uncompensated care" (UCC) is defined in accordance with H&S Code Section 124900(d)(2)(B), as follows:

"...clinic patient visits for persons with incomes at or below 200 percent of the federal poverty level for which there is no encounter-based third-party reimbursement which includes, but is not limited to, unpaid expanded access to primary care claims and other unreimbursed visits as verified by the department..."

Purpose of Funds

EAPC funds are to be used to reimburse primary care clinics that provide primary and preventive health care services, including smoking prevention and cessation education to eligible EAPC patients. Reimbursable services must supplement and not supplant services provided to patients that are covered by any county, state or federal program, for example, Medi-Cal and County Medical Services Program.

Claims Processing

Continuing EAPC providers may begin submitting EAPC claims to EDS for services provided beginning July 1, 2009 (Refer to provider manual instructions at http://files.medi-cal.ca.gov/pubsdoco/Manuals_menu.asp)

Enclosures

Enclosure "A" lists each corporation's total award amount.

Contact Information

Should you have any questions, you may e-mail your inquiry to an EAPC analyst listed below, or call (916) 449-5770.

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On behalf of the EAPC program, we thank you for your continued commitment to providing vital health care services to the medically underserved population in your community.

Should you have any questions regarding this letter, please contact Mr. Brian Woods Chief, EAPC program, at (916) 449-5770.

Sincerely,



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